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**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES WORKSHOP AGENDA:  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND THE COLLOCATION OF  
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

The FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will host its annual educational workshop on the environmental compliance and historic preservation review process required for the construction of wireless communications facilities. This year's workshop will include information relevant to the construction of all new communications towers and to the collocation of communications equipment on towers and other structures. This workshop will take place on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. The workshop will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 4:00 PM EDT in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, DC. The workshop will be webcast.

At the workshop, FCC staff and other experts will provide guidance to the FCC's licensees, those who construct communications facilities for FCC licensees, and their consultants. Presentations will cover a wide variety of topics under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and other federal environmental statutes. Part of the workshop will focus on NEPA compliance, including Endangered Species Act review. The remainder of the workshop will address NHPA Section 106 compliance under the *Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission*. In the morning, the workshop will include a session on the industry's tower siting process. In the afternoon, there will be a session devoted to archeology and communications towers. A central topic will be professional qualifications and practice and appropriate decisions on reasonable and good faith efforts.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

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| 9:00 AM  | Introductions<br>Jon Wilkins, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau<br>Steve DelSordo, Federal Preservation Officer (FPO), FCC                                       |
| 9:15 AM  | Tower Siting Process from an Industry Perspective<br>Steve DelSordo, FPO ( <i>moderator</i> )<br>Panelists from carriers, tower companies, and environmental consultants |
| 10:30 AM | Break  |

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| 10:45 AM | FCC Policy and Regulation Updates<br>FCC Infrastructure Team Staff<br>TCNS Updates<br>MOA Processing<br>DAS and Small Cells<br>Non-Compliant Towers       |
| 11:30 AM | The FCC's NEPA Process<br>Erica Rosenberg, Associate Chief, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division, FCC   |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch   |
| 1:00 PM  | Best Practices for Consulting on Wireless Infrastructure in Railroad Rights-of-Way<br>Jill Springer, Deputy FPO, FCC                                      |
| 1:30 PM  | Biological Reviews, FAA Tower Lighting, and Northern Long-eared Bats<br>Joelle Gehring, Biologist, FCC  |
| 2:15 PM  | Break   |
| 2:30 PM  | FCC Section 106 Process and the Archeology of Tower Siting<br>Steve DelSordo, FPO and Jill Springer, DFPO ( <i>moderators</i> )<br>Panel of Archeologists |
| 4:00 PM  | Wrap-Up and Adjourn   |

**Attendance.** This workshop is open to the public. All interested attendees are requested to arrive promptly. In-person and webcast attendees are encouraged to pre-register but are not required to do so. Please send an e-mail to [Maira.Delao@fcc.gov](mailto:Maira.Delao@fcc.gov) to pre-register.

**Webcast.** The FCC will live stream the workshop on its website. To view the workshop live, please go to [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live) the day of the workshop. Viewers may submit questions by e-mail to [livequestions@fcc.gov](mailto:livequestions@fcc.gov).

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